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TOMPKINSVILLE DOCTOR PLEADS GUILTY TO DRUG DISTRIBUTION

***– Caught in undercover KSP sting
– Agrees to forfeit \$100,000 in lieu of office building***

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that **Dr. JAMES E. CARTER**, age 74, of 805 North Main Street, Tompkinsville, Kentucky, in Monroe County, **pled guilty** to distributing drugs without any medical purpose.

The maximum potential penalties are 10 years imprisonment, a \$500,000 fine, and 3 years supervised release.

Carter admitted that on both January 23, 2003, and February 27, 2003, he prescribed 30 pills of Tylox, a highly addictive Schedule II narcotic pain killer, to a patient with no medical purpose, even though the patient specifically told **Carter** that he wanted the prescription so he could sell the pills to pay bills. The patient was an informant working with the Kentucky State Police, and wore a recording device during his two visits with **Carter**. As part of his plea agreement, **Carter** agreed to pay \$100,000 in lieu of forfeiting the building housing his medical clinic. Huber praised the efforts of the Kentucky State Police saying the Kentucky States Police were invaluable in stopping the illegal use of legal pain killers.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David Weiser and was investigated by the Kentucky State Police and the United States Drug Enforcement Agency.

The plea was entered before Robert E. Goebel, Magistrate Judge, United States District

Court, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Carter is scheduled to be sentenced before Judge McKinley on March 8, 2006, at 9:00 a.m.,
in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

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